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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hisao Hayashi

Serial No.: 09/492,521

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For: COMPACT IMAGE SCANNER CAPABLE OF READING BOTH A LIGHT-REFLECTING ARTICLE AND A LIGHT-TRANSMITTING ARTICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7, 13 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 2 and 8 as follows:

2. (Amended) An image scanner for use in reading image information, comprising:
- a driving side conveying roll for conveying a manuscript including said image information to be read past a stationary reading position;
 - a driven side conveying roll which is located above said driving side conveying roll and which rotates by rolling-contact with said driving said conveying roll;
 - a manuscript sensor for detecting said manuscript when a head of said manuscript arrives